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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF LOCAL EMPLOYEE

REF: BAGHDAD 767

1. AS OF NOVEMBER 15 WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO REFTELS PROPOSING VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION AIMED AT EITHER ENDING HARASSMENT OF USINT LOCAL EMPLOYEE ABBAS SOUSA OR AT ASSISTING HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO LEAVE IRAQ FOR THE U.S. AS DATE FOR TRIAL APPROACHES ABBAS IS NATURALLY APPREHENSIVE SINCE HE FEARS THIS COURT CASE IS ONLY PRETEXT FOR HIS RENEWED INCARCERATION AND TORTURE AS AT TIME OF "ACCIDENT" IN SEPTEMBER 1973. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT "TRIAL" IS ONLY ONE MORE WAY TO KEEP PRESSURE ON ABBAS BECAUSE OF HIS UNCOOPERATIVE BEHAVIOR IN PAST TOWARD SECRET POLICE.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED ABBAS' CASE IN CONFIDENCE WITH ONE OF USINT'S LAWYER, MUNEIM AL-KHATIB, IN WHOM I HAVE CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE. AL-KHATIB SERVED FOR 20 YEARS IN IRAQI FOREIGN SERVICE AND IS WELL KNOWN TO LARGE NUMBER OF FSOS WHO SERVED IN BAGHDAD. HE IS NOW IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND STRONGLY ANTI-BAATHIST. T TOLD HIM ENOUGH ABOUT THE CASE SO THAT HE COULD ASSES POSSIBLE RISKS TO HIMSELF. HE IMMEDIATELY SUGGESTED THAT HE ACCOMPANY ABBAS TO COURT ON NOVEMBER 26. HE RECOMMENDED

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AGAINST MY ATTENDING AS PREJUDICIAL TO ABBAS.

3. PENDING CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT I PLAN TO PROCEED
AS ABOVE AND RECOMMEND TO ABBAS THAT HE NOT SENT FAMILY OUT OF
COUNTRY UNTIL WE CAN FIND LEGAL WAY TO GET HIM OUT.
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